

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Previously Presented) A modular device, comprising:
  - a retaining device for a bearing device, coupleable thereto;
  - a housing including a plurality of predetermined module locations;
  - connection modules, arrangeable at the module locations and each provided with a connection device for connecting a line thereto;
  - coding means and opposing coding means, for providing module location-specific assignment;
  - latching means at at least one of the module locations, and opposing latching means on at least one of the connection modules, for respectively providing module location-specific locking and unlocking; and
  - contact means, having a longitudinal side for making contact with opposing contact means, transversely with respect to the longitudinal side.
2. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one of an electrical, electromagnetic and electronic device unit.
3. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the retaining device includes at least one spring-loaded and self-ringing latching element.
4. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the connection modules is of a multi-pole design.
5. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, wherein each respective connection device includes at least one of a screw terminal, a spring-loaded terminal and an insulation displacement contact.

6. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coding means includes, individually per module location, a recess formed by housing sections, and the opposing coding means includes a bracket element.
7. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the latching means includes an elastic lock having a barb, and the opposing latching means includes a latch accommodating the barb.
8. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the contact means includes at least one of a contact lug and a contact pin, and the opposing contact means includes a fork-shaped contact element.
9. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:  
insulating means, arranged at least one of on an end and on a longitudinal side of the contact means, for covering the contact means.
10. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the insulating means includes an insulating bracket.
11. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the insulating means includes a plug-in element integrated in the housing.
12. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:  
insulating means, arranged at least one of on an end and on a longitudinal side of the contact means, for covering the contact means.
13. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the insulating means includes an insulating bracket.

14. (Previously Presented) The modular device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the insulating means includes a plug-in element integrated in the housing.

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